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SUBJ: ENERGY: SHELL AGREEMENT

REF: A. VALLETTA 190 B. VALLETTA 152

1. DURING JAN 30 SITTING OF PARLIAMENT P.M. MINTOFF
ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN GOM AND SHELL
(MALTA) LTD. ON STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE,
KEROSENE AND OTHER IMPORTED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

2. FROM FEB 1 SHELL WILL OPERATE AS GOM AGENT FOR
STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ALL OIL IMPORTED BY GOM.
SHELL TO BE PAID AN AGREED SUM FOR THIS SERVICE. AS
RESULT OF AGREEMENT SHELL TO KEEP ALL PRESENT EMPLOYEES
ON PAYROLL. AGREEMENT IS FOR ONE YEAR WITH PROVISION
FOR GOM TO USE SHELL INSTALLATIONS AN ADDITIONAL YEAR
AT A NOMINAL FEE IF SHELL DECIDES NOT TO CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE SERVICE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT BRITISH
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SERVICES OIL REQUIREMENTS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE

RESPONSIBILITY OF GOM.

3. MINTOFF REFUSED TO RESPOND TO OPPOSITION LEADER BORG OLIVIER'S QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT GOM HAD BEEN FACED WITH DECISION WHETHER TO REQUISITION SHELL AND/OR ESSO'S STORAGE INSTALLATIONS, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PROLONGED PROCEEDINGS ON COMPENSATION, OR COME TO AN AGREEMENT. BOTH GOM AND SHELL DECIDED AGREEMENT WAS EASIER COURSE.

4. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REFTELS, MINTOFF IS STILL BACKING AND FILLING IN AN ATTEMPT TO SMOOTH OVER THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS CREATED BY HIS DECISION TO FORCE ESSO AND SHELL FROM THE FUEL MARKETING PICTURE IN MALTA.

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